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## SENATE.

AUSTIN, November 3, 1851.

Be it remembered, that on this the third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, being the day set apart by law for the biennial meeting of the Legislature, the Senate of the State of Texas convened at the Capitol of said State, in the City of Austin, when and where the following proceedings were had.

The Hon. John A. Greer, Lieutenant-Governor and *ex officio*, President of the Senate, took the Chair and called the Senate to order.

Mr. N. C. Raymond was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, and Mr. Thomas Ward, Sergeant-at-Arms, *pro tem.*

The roll of Senators elect being called by Districts, the following gentlemen appeared and presented their credentials, and being qualified, took their seats.

From District No. 1, composed of the counties of Red River and Bowie—Joseph H. Burks.

From District No. 3, composed of the counties of Cooke, Grayson, Denton, Collin and Dallas—Sam. Bogart.

From District No. 4, composed of the counties of Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman and Van Zandt—Hardin Hart.

From District No. 5, composed of the counties of Titus and Cass—M. D. K. Taylor.

From District No. 6, composed of the counties of Navarro, Henderson and Limestone—George W. Hill.

From District No. 7, composed of the counties of Cherokee and Anderson—Isaac Parker.

From District No. 8, composed of the counties of Rusk and Smith—Stephen Reaves.

From District No. 9, composed of the counties of Harrison and Upshur—William T. Scott.

From District No. 10, composed of the counties of San Augustine, Sabine, Newton and Jasper—Z. Wins. Eddy.

From District No. 11, composed of the counties of Houston, Nacogdoches and Angelina—Adolphus Sterne.

From District No. 12, composed of the counties of Shelby and Panola—James Truit.

From District No. 13, composed of the counties of Polk, Liberty, Tyler and Jefferson—James Davis.

From District No. 14, composed of the counties of Milam, Robertson, Leon, Brazos, Williamson and Burleson—James Armstrong.

From District No. 15, composed of the counties of Montgomery, Walker and Grimes—Jesse Grimes.

From District No. 16, composed of the counties of Washington, Austin and Fort Bend—William S. Day.

From District No. 17, composed of the county of Harris—Peter W. Gray.

From District No. 20, composed of the counties of Fayette, Bastrop and Caldwell—Jon W. Dancy.

From District No. 21, composed of the counties of Travis, Hays and Gillespie—Edward Burleson.

From District No. 23, composed of the counties of Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Lavaca and Goliad—Thos. H. Duggan.

From District No. 24, composed of the counties of Cameron and Starr—Israel B. Bigelow.

From District No. 26, composed of the counties of El Paso and Presidio—Rufus Doane.

The roll of senators being called and a quorum present, on motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate proceeded to its organization by the election of its officers.

The nominations for Secretary being in order, Mr. Burleson nominated Mr. N. C. Raymond.

Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. W. D. Miller.

Mr. Dancy nominated Mr. George W. Breeding.

The ballot being taken, Mr. Raymond received nine votes, Mr. Miller ten votes, and Mr. Breeding two votes.

No one candidate having received a majority of the whole number of votes, the Senate proceeded to a second balloting—whereupon Mr. Raymond received ten votes, Mr. Miller ten votes, and Mr. Breeding one vote.

No one candidate having a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a third balloting—whereupon Mr. Raymond received ten votes, Mr. Miller ten votes, and Mr. Breeding one vote.

No one candidate having yet received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a fourth balloting—whereupon Mr. Raymond received ten votes, and Mr. Miller eleven votes.

Mr. Miller having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Secretary of the Senate.

The election of an Assistant Secretary being next in order, Mr. Dancy nominated Mr. James F. Johnson, and their being no other nomination,

On motion of Mr. Grimes, Mr. Johnson was declared duly and constitutionally elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

The election of Engrossing Clerk being next in order,

Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Swan.

Mr. Armstrong nominated Mr. Goodlett.

Mr. Bigelow “ “ Mitchell.

Mr. Eddy “ “ Fauntleroy.

Mr. Burleson “ “ Anderson.

Mr. Truit “ “ Starr.

Mr. Dancy “ “ Wallace.

Mr. Swan received two votes; Mr. Mitchell six votes; Mr. Fauntleroy two votes; Mr. Starr five votes; Mr. Wallace five votes; and Mr. Goodlett one vote.

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a second balloting: whereupon, Mr. Swan received two votes; Mr. Mitchell four; Mr. Anderson 1; Mr. Fauntleroy 2; Mr. Starr 6; Mr. Wallace 5; and Mr. Goodlett 1 vote.

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a third balloting: whereupon the names of Messrs. Swan and Goodlett being withdrawn, the vote stood—for Mr. Mitchell six; for Mr. Anderson, 2; for Mr. Fauntleroy, 3; for Mr. Starr, 5; and for Mr. Wallace, 5.

[Mr. William M. Williams, Senator from District No. 2, composed of the counties of Fannin and Lamar, appeared, presented his credentials, was qualified, and took his seat.]

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a fourth balloting, when the vote was as follows: For Mr. Mitchell, 7; for Mr. Fauntleroy, 3; for Mr. Starr, 7; and for Mr. Wallace, 5.

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a fifth balloting; when it appeared that Mr. Mitchell received 8 votes; Mr. Fauntleroy 3; Mr. Starr 7; and Mr. Wallace 4.

There being still no election, the Senate proceeded to a sixth balloting; the name of Mr. Fauntleroy being withdrawn, the

result was as follows: Mr. Mitchell received 10 votes; Mr. Starr 9; and Mr. Wallace 3.

There being yet no election, the Senate proceeded to a 7th balloting; when Mr. Mitchell received eleven votes; Mr. Starr 10, and Mr. Wallace 1.

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to the 8th balloting: whereupon, Mr. Mitchell received 11 votes; Mr. Starr 9; and Mr. Wallace 1.

Mr. Nathan Mitchell having received a majority of all the votes, was accordingly declared duly and constitutionally elected.

The election of Enrolling Clerk being next in order, Mr. Day nominated Mr. Clopton.

“ Grimes “ “ Davis.

“ Armstrong nominated Mr. Harrell.

“ Sterne “ “ Kelly.

“ Burleson “ “ Gray.

The ballot being taken, the vote was as follows: Mr. Clopton received 11 votes; Mr. Davis 5; Mr. Harrell 3; Mr. Kelly 1; and Mr. Gray 2.

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a second balloting; whereupon,

Mr. Clopton received 11 votes;

“ Davis “ 5 “

“ Harrell “ 1 “

“ Gray “ 4 “

Mr. L. C. Clopton, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Enrolling Clerk.

The election of Seargeant-at-Arms being next in order,

Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. Plaster.

“ Reaves “ “ Wells.

“ Williams “ “ Travelsted.

“ Sterne “ “ Ward.

“ Burleson “ “ Smith and Mr. Durham.

Mr. Plaster received 3 votes.

“ Wells “ 11 “

“ Travelsted “ 3 “

“ Ward “ 4 “

“ Smith “ 1 “

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a second balloting; whereupon,

Mr. Wells received 14 votes.

“ Travelsted “ 1 “

“ Ward “ 4 “

Mr. Smith received 1 vote.

Mr. Durham's nomination being withdrawn.

Mr. Lewis Wells, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

The election of Door-Keeper being next in order,

Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. Mangum.

" Burks " " Lawrence.

" Scott " " Irwin.

" Burleson " " Harrell.

" Duggan " " Bott.

" Dancy " " Stratton and Mr. Stirling.

Mr. Mangum received 7 votes.

" Lawrence " 3 "

" Irwin " 5 "

" Harrell " 1 "

" Bott " 1 "

" Stratton " 4 "

There being no election, the Senate proceeded to a 2d balloting; whereupon,

Mr. Mangum received 9 votes.

" Lawrence " 1 "

" Irwin " 7 "

" Harrell " 1 "

" Stratton " 4 "

There being yet no election, the Senate proceeded to a 3rd balloting; whereupon,

Mr. Mangum received 10 votes.

" Irwin " 10 "

" Stratton " 2 "

No one candidate having received a majority of all the votes, the Senate proceeded to a 4th balloting; whereupon,

Mr. Mangum received 13 votes.

" Irwin " 9 "

Mr. Mangum having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Door-Keeper.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary came forward, and were qualified.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.